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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
: Examiner: M. Ali
KENTARO MATSUMOTO et al.)
: Group Art Unit: 2177
Application No.: 09/651,293)
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Filed: August 30, 2000)
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For: RECORDING APPARATUS)
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STORAGE MEDIUM) Monday, September 13, 2004

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Commissioner for Patents
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PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for
response to the Office Action dated April 12, 2004 for two months from July 12, 2004 to
Monday, September 13, 2004.

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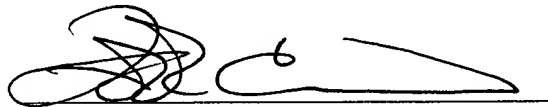
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Submitted herewith is a check for \$420.00 to cover the fee for the extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17. Any deficiency in or overpayment of this fee should be charged or credited to Deposit Account 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this petition is enclosed.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, CA office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Frank L. Cire', is written over a horizontal line.

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